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REMARKS

Applicants courteously request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

Withdrawn claims 1-23 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 24-28 are now similarly cancelled in favor of added claims 29-33. Support for claims 29-33 can be found throughout the original specification, including, by way of example, at page 8, lines 1-32; Table 2 and Table 3 with respect to claims 29-31; and page 9, lines 15-20, and Table 2 with respect to claim 32. Support for added claim 33 can also be found throughout the specification as filed.

To the extent they apply to added claims 29-33, Applicants traverse and request reconsideration of the rejections of claims 24, 25, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over, Hsia (U.S. 6,270,774); the rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the article in *Food Chemistry* by Chambers et al.; and the rejection of claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsia in view of JP 2002-226368.

Without acquiescing to any ground of rejection, but merely to expedite prosecution, independent claims 29 and 33 recite methods of enhancing blood antioxidant activity in a subject and suppressing or lowering thiobarbituric acid reaction substances in a subject comprising ingesting by said subject at least one composition in at least one form selected from the group consisting of a juice, powder, granule, tablet, or capsule, said composition comprising an effective amount of broccoli, cabbage, spinach, parsley, komatsuna (*Brassica rapa* L.), Japanese radish leaves, lettuce, and celery.

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None of the applied references, particularly Hsia and Chambers, discloses or suggests Applicants' claimed methods of enhancing blood antioxidant activity and of suppressing or lowering thiobarbituric acid reaction substances in a subject. None of the applied references, including Hsia and Chambers, discloses or suggests the steps of claims 29-33.

In contrast to the methods of independent claims 29 and 33, the Chambers article refers to a "methanolic extract." This appears to be inconsistent with a subject ingesting a composition for a treatment. Chambers refers to *In vitro*, but acknowledges the results cannot be directly extrapolated to efficacy *in vivo*. The Chambers article also refers to a non-diseased liver. This, too, does not suggest Applicants' claimed methods or the efficacies of such methods.

At page 4, lines 12-19, the specification as filed states:

[A] composition of the invention can suppress an elevation in blood TBARS (Thiobarbituric Acid Reactive Substances) levels, or lower blood TBARS levels. TBARS levels are generally used as an indicator of the amount of lipid peroxides generated. Thus it can be said that the composition of the invention, which suppresses the elevation of or lowers TBARS levels, can suppress the elevation of blood lipid peroxide levels or lower blood lipid peroxide levels.

A composition according to the present invention is thus expected to exhibit preventive or therapeutic effects for lipid peroxide generation-related diseases. See Applicants' specification at page 4, lines 20-30, which discusses how the composition of Applicants' invention can lower blood TBARS levels or suppress the elevation of blood TBARS levels, and exhibits preventive or therapeutic effects for various diseases. The TBARS level-reducing effect of the composition of the invention is clearly supported by the data obtained. See Test Example 1 at page 15, line 11, through page 16, line 1, as well as FIG. 1. See also claim 33.

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Applicants' claimed composition also exhibits a TBARS level-reducing effect. See, e.g., Example 1 and page 15, lines 22-28, of the specification as filed, which reports, "The results show that the blood TBARS levels were reduced by drinking the vegetable juice, i.e., food of the invention (a significant difference was observed)."

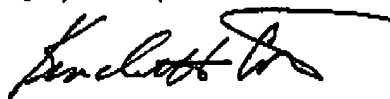
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such action is also respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time in which to file this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the two-month extension fee of \$490 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 with respect to Order No. 8156-84352. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any required fee not intentionally omitted, including application processing, extension, extra claims, statutory disclaimer, issue, and publication fees, to said deposit account referencing Order No. 8156/84352.

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